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Ms. Lara Nichols, Assistant General Counsel Law Department Duke Power, PB05E Post Office Box 1244 Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1244

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 2005-3-E – DUKE POWER – ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS.

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Hearing concerning the above-captioned Docket. <u>Please check</u> the enclosed Notice of Hearing for accuracy. In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to complete the following:

- 1. Publish at your own expense, on or before **May 9, 2005** the enclosed Notice of Hearing in newspaper(s) of general circulation in the affected areas, and provide the undersigned an **original of publication** on or before **May 31, 2005**.
- 2. Furnish, at your own expense, on or before **May 9, 2005** by U.S. Mail, the Enclosed Notice of Hearing to each affected customer and provide a certification that this notification has been furnished on or before **May 31, 2005**.
- 3. Furnish the number of witnesses and approximate time required to present your case on or before **May 31, 2005.**

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates shown may result in **DISMISSAL** of your Pleading.

In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely.

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Enclosure (s)